

## Juveniles Treated to Free Movie, Stage Acts by Elks

Torrance will tip its hat in tribute to juvenile decency said that the Elks will lead a community-wide observance, Ralph Jakubowski, Exalted Ruler of Torrance Lodge, on Elks National Youth Day, May 1.

Focus attention on the record for decency of the youth of Torrance. That record, he said, has been demonstrated by the overwhelming majority of this town's junior citizens through their achievements in school and community activities and loyalty to the American tradition of democratic freedom.

The highlight of the program being planned for Youth Day here is a free movie and stage acts at the Grand Theatre for all Torrance youth.

The committee in charge of the Youth Day program is composed of: Pat Huffine, Roger Holmes, Bob Kastrup, Gale Hunn, Ken Shepard, Herman Sneskin.

"We have seen our youth in action, noting with pride their record of achievement in the schools, the churches, in the civic and social life of their communities. Rather than being made to bear the stigma of 'juvenile delinquency,' a term applied all too widely and inadvisedly nowadays, they should be receiving deserved recognition for their steadfast adherence to 'juvenile decency,'" Fred J. Bohn, grand exalted ruler of the Elks, declared.

## All-America Honor Goes To 11 Cities

Four cities in the far west—Anchorage, Alaska; Oakland and Torrance, California, and Tacoma, Washington, are among the 11 United States communities named as All-America Cities for 1956 in the annual contest co-sponsored by the National Municipal League and Look Magazine.

This is the largest number of western cities winning awards in any one year. In addition, Anchorage establishes another record by being the first city outside of the 48 states to win All-America city honors since the awards were started eight years ago.

The other winning cities are: Altus, Oklahoma; Brattleboro, Vermont; Elgin, Illinois; Laurinburg, North Carolina; St. Louis, Missouri; Springfield, Missouri; and Zanesville, Ohio.

## Basis For Awards

The awards were made on the basis of alert, hard-hitting action taken by citizens to meet pressing community problems and to push for needed civic improvements. The winners were selected by a jury headed by Dr. George H. Gallup, director of the American Institute of Public Opinion, and past president of the National Municipal League. A total of 164 cities were nominated for 1956 honors.

In addition to the 11 award-winners, the following cities were cited for honorable mention: Bloomington, Minnesota; Denver, Colorado; Duluth, Minnesota; El Campo, Texas; Kalamazoo, Michigan; Oskaloosa, Iowa; Park Ridge, Illinois; Prescott, Arizona; Santa Fe, New Mexico; Springfield, Illinois; and Superior, Wisconsin.

The story on the winning cities reveals major problems common to cities all over the country.

**Torrance Named**

For example, Anchorage and Torrance are among the three cities which won for successfully tackling skyrocketing population growth that threatened to swamp city facilities. The third city in this category is Altus, Oklahoma. Citizens of a fourth city, Oakland, fought a two-pronged battle, in which government lethargy added to the stresses of postwar growth.

In Tacoma, the citizens faced up to a spectacular problem of vice and municipal corruption. With the army threatening to put the entire city "out of bounds" for the 65,000 men sta-

tioned nearby, embattled citizens beat an underworld syndicate and voted in an honest government. At present, prostitution is virtually eliminated, the city is piling up surpluses instead of deficits, and major civic improvements are being made.

In the older cities, such as St. Louis and Zanesville, citizens banded together to change a no-nothing attitude on the part of city government and reverse the tide of seediness and decay creeping over their towns.

The people of Elgin and Springfield were jolted awake by discoveries of bribery and corruption among city officials, and both towns put up a fight to clean house, vote in council-manager form of government and install many needed improvements.

**Citizen Support**

Brattleboro won its All-America city title for the overwhelming citizen support that went into creating the Brattleboro Living Memorial Recreation park. Honors go to Laurinburg for the citywide campaign that led to the North Carolina town's being chosen in a competition involving 17 cities as the site

## Club sets bazaar

Friendly Worker's club of Gardena will give its annual bazaar and dessert luncheon card party on May 3 at the Community center.

Many articles for gifts for Mother's day will be shown.

Money raised is used for charity in this community with local drives heading the list.

## Jobies Rummage Sale

The Lomita Bethel 137 Job's Daughters Mothers circle will sponsor a rummage sale May 10 at the House of Rummage, 114 S. Pacific ave., San Pedro. Donations may be made by calling Mrs. Jerry Buzan, 1707 W. 248th st., Lomita.

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The All-America Cities awards were inaugurated in 1949 by the National Municipal League, and for the past six years have been co-sponsored by Look.

## X-ray Unit To Appear At College

Making a one-day visit to El Camino college, a Mobile Chest X-Ray Unit will provide its services to the college and neighboring residents May 15 from 8:30 to 3 p.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m., Mrs. Polly Butts, college nurse, announced today.

Indicating that a \$1 charge will be made for each X-Ray by the private organization providing the service, Mrs. Butts encouraged all students, college employees, and community residents to utilize the health facility.

X-Rays will be interpreted by Dr. P. K. Telford, retired head of the Los Angeles County Tuberculosis and Health assn.

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## Approved By 2 Governments

President A. E. (Tommy) Thompson, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, announced today that agreement has been reached between the government of the United States and Mexico that provides for the right of an American flag air carrier to fly between Los Angeles and Mexico.

Thompson was notified of the action by the United States government following the formal complaint and petition of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

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## DEMOCRATS HEAR JONAS AT MEETING

The monthly meeting of South Torrance Democratic Club was held Sunday, April 7.

Among those present were: Al Isen, Mayor; Robert Jahn, Councilman; Jim McDonald and Thurwin Fleetwood of the Los Angeles County Democratic council, and Allen Jonas, featured speaker.

McDonald presented the Democratic Club charter to President John Barton and Jonas spoke on "The Ten Commandments of Fund Raising."

The group endorsed the forthcoming community meeting between civic clubs and members of the Torrance City Council and announced their intention to actively participate in the meeting.

Anyone desiring to affiliate with the local organization may contact Chairman Barton at his office, 3810 Pacific Coast highway.

Jay Beasley of the WALTERIA Businessmen's club presented an invitation to the Democratic Club to join them in a meeting with the Torrance City Council. The object of the meeting is to discuss the acute problems of the district, such as the Hawthorne Avenue extension and the airport problem.

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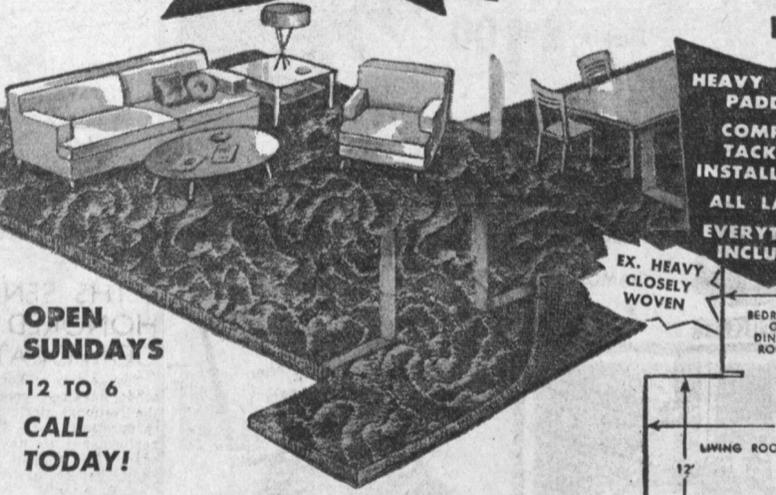


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